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# Main Street work nearing completion as REACT curb side carts delivered

■ Daniel Bushman

The Town of Watrous was a hub of activity as August rolled to an end. Not only did the Main Street Revitalization project progress on the #100, #200, and #300 blocks but Aug. 30 signalled the delivery of REACT curb side carts to the community.

With the work done this past week, Watrous Town Administrator Orrin Redden said the Main Street Revitalization project is getting closer to being completed.

As of Aug. 25, the #100 block was closed to traffic until it was paved while on the #200 block, the 2nd Avenue intersection east and west was opened. On the #300 block of Main Street, the 3rd Avenue

intersection east and west had opened up but the 4th Avenue intersection was closed.

Entering the latter part of the final week of August, as more work was done, Redden indicated the street will be paved in two layers of asphalt. Once the first layer is complete, Main Street will be opened up for vehicle traffic as crews pause until the concrete slugs for the streetlights are installed. Once they are done, crews will return to do the second and final lift of asphalt.

While there is a delay in receiving the new streetlights, aside from those, the estimated time for the Main Street work to be completed is around mid-September. “They have been on schedule

from what they have indicated aside from the streetlight installation,” said Redden. “Once we arrive at removing the current streetlights, we will install temporary lighting until the new ones are delivered.”

As for the new REACT curb side carts, they started to be delivered Aug. 30, replacing the tag-a-bag program in Watrous. That means instead of a user pays per tag, residents will see a change reflected on their water bills. The new units are capable of holding about six bags of waste and were being dropped off at all residential properties including duplex units. Redden noted multi-unit dwellings had the option to request multiple carts or larger bins.



With the delivery of the new curb side carts this past week, the mandatory participation in the program for all residents in town will see the first pick up on the west side of Watrous Sept. 11. The first pick up for the east side of Watrous will occur Sept. 18.

The Town of Watrous indicated those residing on the east side can still use the tag-a-bag system for Sept. 5 as the program transitions to the curb side carts.

According to REACT, pick up days will alternate weekly from the west and east side of town. Carts must be put out on the front road and not on a sidewalk, boulevard or driveway by 7 a.m. on the Monday of a



scheduled pick up. REACT indicated they will not pick up garbage placed beside the carts and the lid of the bin must be completely closed to tip the cart.

Items not allowed in the carts include: ashes of any kind, automotive parts, renovation/construction material, sod, dirt, concrete, household hazardous chemicals/

cleaners and dead animals.

For residents who have leftover garbage tags from the tag-a-bag system, REACT stated they will be no longer needed for residential pick up and REACT will not be issuing any refunds for tags. They indicated the tags can be used towards payment for waste taken to the transfer station.



► Construction on Main Street in Watrous continued this past week (above right) as part of the revitalization project. Work is projected to essentially wrap up in mid-September. Meanwhile, REACT curb side carts were delivered in Watrous this past week (pictured). The carts replace the tag-a-bag program. photos by Daniel Bushman

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# Colourful idea leads to helping hand

■ Daniel Bushman

Having a desire to help others while learning what it is like to be a young entrepreneur, as another school year returns, nine-year-old Alex Mclean of Watrous wanted to try and make a difference.

Launching Alex's Amazing Crayons, earlier this year, Alex along with the help of his mom Cindy, began melting old crayons to create a variety of unique shapes. With flowers, paw prints, bunnies, gaming controllers and even crayon doughnuts, Alex began selling his creations with the idea of using some of the money to purchase school supplies.

Excited about the opportunity, the soon to be Gr. 4 student at Watrous Elementary School posted his work for sale on Facebook, attended craft shows, the local flea market, the Manitou Beach Chainsaw Carving Festival and a youth entrepreneur trade show in Saskatoon.

Through lots of hard work and dedication during the

summer months, on Wednesday, Aug. 23, Alex along with Cindy presented the Watrous Elementary School with \$301 worth of school supplies including a \$75 donation to the school's art club.

"It was fun being able to make the crayons," shared Alex. "I was able to make some new friends at some of the shows I attended and it is good to be able to donate school supplies to the school."

Planning to sell his amazing crayon creations to purchase school supplies again next year, Alex explained where the idea came from. "We started melting crayons in cookie cutters but that did not work so well. We decided to try silicone molds and they turned out fantastic."

With family and friends donating old and unused crayons, Cindy said the process has been really good. "It was heartwarming to see Alex want to do this. We did it together and he was able to learn what it is like having a business. He was able to keep some of the money for himself, he set some aside for expenses and then the rest

went to purchase school supplies."

Cindy shared her son received a lot of positive words and support at the various shows he attended. "When we were at the youth entrepreneur trade show in Saskatoon where other kids his age were also selling items, that was really an encouragement to him. Seeing others his age selling things showed him that he can do it too."

Feeling the importance of donating school supplies to provide students with an equal start to the year, Cindy said kids have enough to worry about in their day to day lives and this was just one way to lessen that load.

Vice-Principal at Watrous Elementary School Rhonda Hardy was on hand to accept Alex's generous donation and said, "This will really help a number of families as expenses for school can be challenging. We put these supplies away especially for those instances. Sometimes

(continued on page seven: ALEX)

## Nutrien Lanigan Potash hosting annual firefighters' rodeo

■ media release

The Town of Lanigan will once again be filled with firefighters when Nutrien Lanigan hosts the Firefighters' Rodeo on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023. Teams will compete from Nutrien mines in Saskatchewan at Lanigan, Cory, Patience Lake, Allan, Rocanville, and Vanscoy Divisions, and the fire departments

from the Town of Lanigan, and the City of Humboldt.

This friendly competition will consist of seven events which will allow them to demonstrate their skills and practice firefighting techniques learned throughout the year.

The Search and Rescue event is set up in a simulated domestic/office setting. Team members approach the event dressed in street

clothing and prepare to don the firefighting gear. Team members will be blinded to simulate extremely smoky conditions and will search the building while wearing a breathing apparatus. The team will take a charged hose line into the domestic setting to search for and rescue victims. Team is judged on proficiency, method, effectiveness and safety.

In the First Aid event, competitors have 15 minutes to stabilize casualties from an accident scenario and arrange for transportation by ambulance.

In the Fire Extinguishment event, team members individually and in pairs tackle huge fires. They are judged on preparation and approach, method of application and extinguishment, retreat, and type of chemical used.

The Practical Skills event will involve any situation that a firefighter may have to respond to, either industrial or in our communities. It will offer the teams a chance to show-

case their skills and knowledge.

The Burst Hose event is held outside, and teams must knock down targets with high-pressure water feeds in this timed event. One of the more popular spectator events is the Challenge Relay where teams compete against one another in forcible entry, victim drag, hose drag and fire extinguishment. Finally, Water Soccer is an exciting round-robin event that concludes the competition.

This event provides an opportunity for emergency response personnel and members of local fire departments to hone their

skills in a safe simulated environment.

This year's Nutrien Lanigan team is comprised of the following: Justin Foley, Kyle Moniuk, Daniel Veld, Cody Morrow, and Wade Mutimer. Coaches are Ford Leggott, Kyle Renwick, and Jeff Morelli.

The public is invited to come out to support all competitors and acknowledge their tremendous contribution to our sites and to our local communities. The competition gets underway on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023, starting at 8 a.m. All events take place in and around the Lanigan Recreation Complex. Admission is free and all ages are welcome.

Nutrien Lanigan earned the title of Overall Winner in the 2022 competition with Nutrien Rocanville taking runner-up honours.

### Nutrien Lanigan will be hosting the Annual Firefighters' Rodeo

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The competition begins with the First Aid, Search & Rescue, and Practical Skills events inside the Lanigan Recreation Complex at 8:00 a.m. The remaining events will take place on Downing Drive by the Lanigan Recreation Complex.

**Search & Rescue:** Team members search for and rescue victims in a domestic/office setting.

**First Aid:** Team members utilize their first aid proficiency in an accident setting.

**Fire Extinguishment:** Team members use safe procedures in putting out fires.

**Practical Skills:** Involves any situation that a firefighter may be called to respond to, whether it be industrial or in our communities.

**Burst Hose:** Team members demonstrate skill in connecting hoses and knocking down targets.

**Challenge Relay:** A fun event requiring strength and endurance.

**Water Soccer:** Team members use their skill and strength in this gruelling event.

Teams will come from Allan, Cory, Lanigan, Patience Lake, Rocanville and Vanscoy Nutrien mines as well as the Town of Lanigan and the City of Humboldt fire departments.



#### Competing on the Nutrien Lanigan team:

Justin Foley  
Kyle Moniuk  
Cody Morrow  
Wade Mutimer  
Daniel Veld  
Jeff Morelli - F/A Coach  
Ford Leggott - Coach  
Kyle Renwick - Coach

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# RCMP Report

Rollover into Little Manitou Lake

On Aug. 27th at 7:05 p.m. Watrous RCMP received a call of a single vehicle rollover into Little Manitou Lake (pictured right). Watrous RCMP, ambulance, and fire all attended. The single occupant was removed from the vehicle, conscious, and taken by STARS from Watrous. No charges are being considered at this time.

CTSS issuing tickets for violations at intersections

Since the beginning of 2023, Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan (CTSS) has issued 1,816 tickets to drivers in Saskatchewan for violations at intersections.

Here are some of the most common violations CTSS officers have observed and ticketed individuals for: disobey stop sign: 1,289 charges; fail to stop at an intersection displaying a red light: 208 charges; make a U-turn at an intersection controlled by traffic lights: 99 charges; fail to drive cautiously through an intersection displaying an amber light: 37 charges;



RCMP responded to a rollover at Little Manitou Lake. photo submitted

fail to yield to oncoming traffic when making a left turn: 29 charges; and proceed from a stop before safe to do so: 24 charges.

Are you approaching intersections safely? CTSS reminds motorists to: drop those rolling stops: make a full stop at red lights and stop signs, even when turning right; use the Right of Way rule at four-way stops – always yield to the vehicle on your right; give the right signal: indicate

when you are going to make a turn and ensure it's safe before you do so; yellow doesn't mean speed up: if a traffic light is yellow, slow down and prepare to stop; and be prepared for the unexpected: always be on the look out for other vehicles, pedestrians, changing lights, slippery roads and other road hazards.

RCMP plans for unmanned aircraft in every detachment

The Saskatchewan RCMP polices 99 percent of the 651,900 square kilometres that make up the province. In order to provide efficient and effective policing services, it is important to modernize and keep up with advancements in technologies to help ensure public safety. That's why the Saskatchewan RCMP has been employing Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), commonly referred to as drones or unmanned aircraft, to capture aerial images and videos in support of RCMP policing operations since 2010.

In January 2023, the Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) 'Expansion Project' began with the objective of having at least one RPAS pilot and one unmanned aircraft in every detachment across Saskatchewan by April 2024. The objective of this Expansion Project is to ensure members have the necessary tools available to them – allowing them to respond to calls quicker and more efficiently when warranted.

To date, 29 front-line detachment officers have been trained as RPAS pilots and 33 percent of Saskatchewan RCMP detachments have an unmanned aircraft available to them.

## National program in Watrous helping participants at IHRC

Daniel Bushman

With the ability to accept a variety of donations aimed at helping those in need along with supporting Diabetes Canada, a program in Watrous has also benefitted participants at Interlake Human Resource Corporation (IHRC).

A partnership between IHRC and Diabetes Canada, three blue and two red bins are located within Watrous where people are encouraged to declutter their homes by placing clothing, shoes and soft items into them. "When you use any of the five drop off bins in our community, you are not only benefitting people in need but also helping to employ Interlake participants," shared Executive Director of IHRC Angela Silzer.

With bins located at IHRC, Watrous Home Hardware, the Watrous Kinsmen Childcare Centre, the Watrous Baptist Church and the Watrous Civic Centre, Silzer encourages people dropping items off in the bins to ensure their clothing, shoes and soft items are secured in a garbage bag weighing no more than a maximum 20 pounds.

No longer accepting household items, Silzer said the bins are emptied every Monday and Thursday and Diabetes Canada picks up the items from IHRC's warehouse on the first Wednesday of every month.

As part of the partnership with Diabetes Canada, participants at Interlake empty the bins around Watrous and then assist a driver in loading the bags

each month. "By doing that it provides employment all year long as a paid position for our participants."

The funds made from helping load the trucks and emptying the bins are then used to provide recreational programming at Interlake that participants may otherwise not be able to enjoy.

Silzer also stresses that people do not throw their garbage into the bins. "Recently we had bags of garbage and other pieces of trash tossed in the bins. We ask that people do not use them for garbage as this is a service we are trying to provide."

Appreciating the partnership with Diabetes Canada, Silzer also extended her gratitude to those who have allowed for bins to be placed at their

location. "The support we have received is greatly appreciated. We are also thankful to all who donate items and place them in the bins. The continued support by people choosing to donate directly contributes to programming for adults with cognitive disabilities from your very own community. It also supports Diabetes Canada."

According to Diabetes Canada, with bins set up

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# Opinion

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## The Rich Fruit Of Failure



### Pass The Salt

A spiritual column  
by Pastor  
Greg Dermody

I find gardening to be fulfilling and relaxing, dirt under my fingernails is good for the soul. Well, truth be told I'm not that fond of weeding.

At our new house we have a lovely crab apple tree. A great eating crab apple. It was hard for me to learn that, in order to have better fruit, I need to prune back the branches each spring. My experience with the City Parks department as a summer job had taught me much about the importance of pruning trees for shape and healthy growth. The city however, did not have fruit

trees in its parks. So while I knew how to prune to shape a bigger and larger, healthy tree, I did not know how to prune for better fruit. Bigger and larger is not a good pruning goal for fruit production. Ideally one wants to keep the size manageable; for less ladder time, and to help the tree set the best fruit crop possible. Different trees require different techniques and approaches! Not only do I cut out dead and diseased branches, I may cut off branches that are healthy but are in the way or using up too much of the tree's resources.

John's gospel, chapter 15, reminds us that Jesus is the vine, the source of our spiritual lives and we are the branches grafted in by faith. God the Father is the gardener who prunes and directs for His desired Kingdom crop. As part of the vine, we don't often see our own need for pruning and shaping. Our priorities tend toward bigger and larger. God examines the vine, knows all things and can see what needs done. Our part? Jesus tells us it is to abide in the vine. To stick with him and find our spiritual nourishment, support and structure.

I once had some severe damage on a fruit tree and had to cut off a much larger section than I really thought was good. As a result my anticipation was limited for the next production year. The tree was lop-sided and funny looking. How could this catastrophe, this failure, be of any benefit? Come harvest, I was amazed at the new and fresh amount of fruit on the tree. It had gone through a difficult time, been cut back significantly, but because its roots were deep and its remaining structure secure, it responded well and produced great fruit.

When we abide in the vine, God's vine, we live in the presence, grace, strength and holiness of Jesus Christ, who nourishes our lives. As we yield to the tending of God the Father, who sees all things and knows where best to direct and prune your growth, may you find, even in recovering from the great catastrophes, failures and losses, new fruit.

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## Solutions and Substitutions



### Tips from Reena Nerbas

#### Dear Reena,

My mother always told me that lettuce should be hand torn and never cut with a knife. Is this true or is it a myth? Thanks, Mary

#### Dear Mary,

Many cooks believe that when lettuce touches metal, it will react and prematurely turn brown. While this is not completely a myth, it really does not make a difference whether you tear or cut; lettuce turns brown at almost the same rate, give or take a

day. The exception to this is when people use a knife that is not clean, causing bacteria to form on lettuce; in this case lettuce browns quickly. The benefit to knife cut lettuce is that it creates uniform pieces which are easier to eat.

#### Dear Reena,

I am hoping you can help me! I have glue on the front passenger seat of my car. It is a cloth seat, black in colour. The glue is IPEX brand PVC Conduit Solvent Cement. This is used with rigid PVC conduit to cement pipes together (used to run electrical wires through). The glue was drizzled accidentally on the seat, so it is not a concentrated blob, but rather several streaks. It is dried on now and cannot be scraped off with anything. Any suggestions would be much appreciated. Thanks, Hart

#### Dear Hart,

I have not heard of any water-based solvent that will remove PVC Conduit Solvent Cement. The most effective solution is acetone. However, the risk with acetone is that it is flammable and has the potential to remove colour from upholstery. An alternative option is to spray the area with WD-40 and after 10 minutes, gently scrape with a razor blade. Next clean with dish soap and water to reduce the chemical smell.

#### Food for thought

- Keep your brown sugar from hardening by storing it in a sealed container in the fridge.

- Mix handfuls of sugar into the soil of unhealthy plants. If your outdoor plants have lumps on the roots, they may have a nematode infection caused by little worms (often found in carrots and potatoes). Adding sugar to soil increases the bacteria count that helps fight the invasion.

- Liven up supper tonight with rainbow coloured pasta noodles. Cook pasta as normal. Rinse with cold water and drain. Toss with a little cooking oil to prevent pasta from sticking together. Separate pasta into bowls and add a few drops of food colouring and mix well. Let sit for 10 minutes. Heat and serve. Extra tip: works with rice as well.

*Note: Every user assumes all risks of injury or damage resulting from the implementation of any suggestions in this column. Test all products on an inconspicuous area first.*

*Reena Nerbas is a popular motivational presenter for large and small groups; check out her website: reena.ca. Ask a question or share a tip at reena.ca*

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

After hundreds of fires forced evacuations across B.C. and the Northwest Territories, Trudeau is using the words "apocalyptic devastation" to describe Canada's summer of wildfires.

I agree, this devastation is apocalyptic. Where I disagree is with Trudeau's approach to the climate crisis.

The federal government continues to fund fossil fuel expansion, such as their multi-billion dollar investments in the Trans Mountain tar sands pipeline. Even their

climate legislation leaves loopholes that Big Oil can exploit.

Enough is enough. The climate crisis is rapidly approaching a point of no return and we need more than words from Trudeau. We need courage. He must make polluters pay for the damage they've caused and use those funds to accelerate a just transition to a 100 percent renewable energy future.

**Adeline Reihl**  
Manitou Beach, Sask.



## Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

### Rhubarb and Strawberry Muffins

#### Ingredients:

1 ¼ cups brown sugar  
½ cup oil  
1 egg  
1 cup milk (buttermilk is fabulous too)  
1 tsp. vanilla  
½ tsp. salt  
**Mix this together.**  
2 ½ cups flour  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1 tsp. baking powder  
1 cup each rhubarb and strawberries OR 1 ½ cups rhubarb

#### Directions:

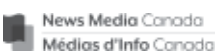
Mix wet and dry ingredients together just until mixed. Pour into pan sprayed muffin tins (these tend to stick in paper muffin liners, so use parchment liners). Bake at 375°F for 20 to 22 minutes. Let cool one to two minutes before removing from pan to cool completely.



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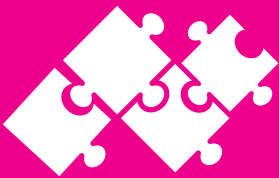
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## Garfield

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PICKLES

BY BRIAN CRANE

YOU CAN SAY WHAT YOU WANT ABOUT EMAIL...

I SAY IT'S NOT A LETTER UNLESS IT'S BEEN LICKED.

I'M GOING TO WALK DOWN TO THE MAIL-BOX TO SEND THIS LETTER.

I THINK I'LL TAKE MUFFIN WITH ME. THE FRESH AIR WILL BE GOOD FOR HER.

BACK ALREADY? I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO MAIL YOUR LETTER.

I DID.

THEN WHAT'S THAT IN YOUR HAND? AND WHERE'S THE CAT?

THE CAT? SHE'S...

MUFFIN!!

LET'S JUST HOPE SHE PUT ENOUGH POSTAGE ON HER.

## CROSSWORD

PUZZLE NO. 197

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29. Betwixt

30. Agts.

35. Organ of hearing

38. Lugged

39. Evidence

40. Sinister
41. Stack

42. Fruity drinks

43. Small mountain

46. Pair

48. Hole piercer

49. Santa's gift

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1. That girl

4. Region

8. Dance component

12. Fierce anger

13. Hollow plant

14. Volcano flow

15. Label

16. Farm cylinder

17. Steers

18. Branding

20. Go to bed

22. Jingle writer

24. Maiden

25. Saloon order

26. San Francisco attraction: 2 wds.

31. Fixed route

32. Black gold

33. Certain ones
34. Plea

36. Cut

37. Burro

38. Looks after

39. Leave

43. Garden tube

44. Anxious

45. Newsroom word

47. Mouse catcher

50. Scrabble piece

51. Regulation

52. 1 + 1

53. Bar beverages

54. Auctioneer's word

55. Crafty
- DOWN**

1. Popular show

2. Historical period
3. Corps

4. Fire-setting crime

5. Control strap

6. Snaky fish

7. Endearingly

8. Piggy bank feature

9. Hired car

10. Continually

11. Window part

19. More uncommon

21. Building wing

22. Willing's partner

23. School official

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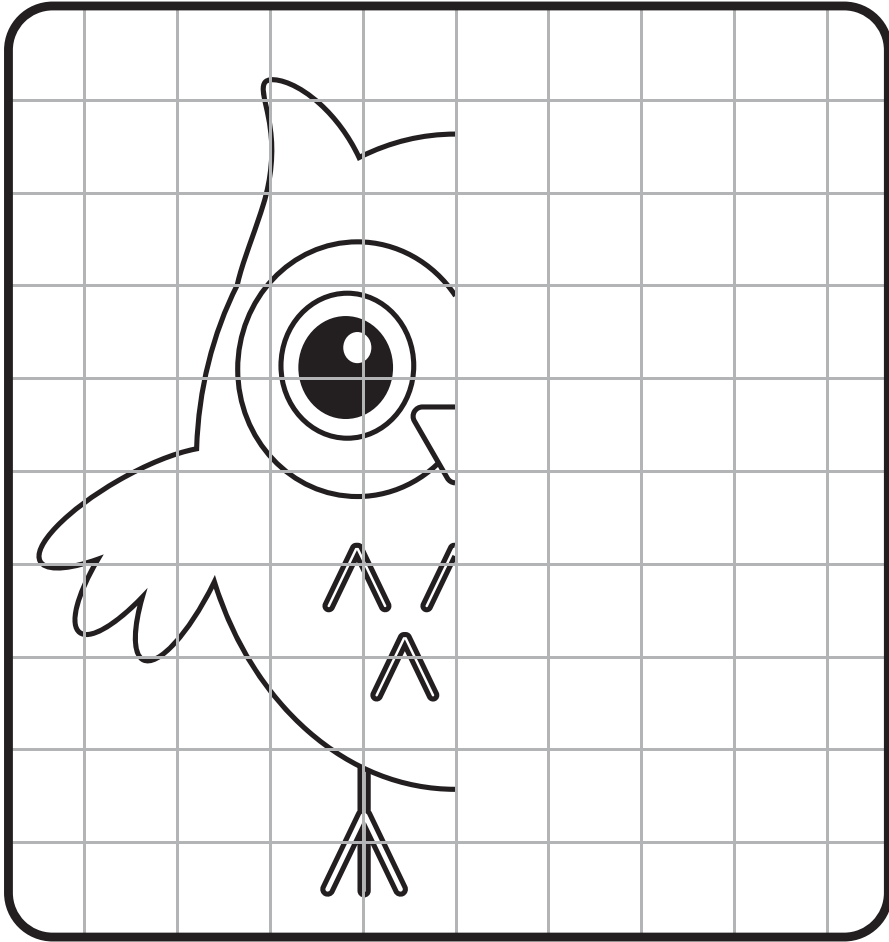
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# Watrous Whitecaps Swim Club makes a splash

■ Daniel Bushman

Swimmers competing with the Watrous Whitecaps Swim Club not only had a tremendous season but were rewarded for their efforts while earning a pair of trophies for the club. Competing in four meets in 2023, when it came time to semifinals, a dozen local athletes represented the club and would go on to qualify for provincials.

With 24 registered swimmers learning the art of speed swimming while developing their skills, president of the club, Tanya Jansen said the contingent began the season sharing the pool in Humboldt with the Hammerheads before returning to Watrous in June when the pool opened in town. Utilizing five days to practice and condition each week to prepare for weekend events, the Whitecaps attended Humboldt, Biggar and Rosetown meets and hosted its own July 15.

“At our local meet we had 154 swimmers compete from all over the province. This is the highest it has been in years! During this meet we were able to offer some races to allow the swimmers of qualifying age to get a qualifying time to try out to make the Saskatchewan Summer Games in 2024.”

Following the Watrous meet, 12 swimmers representing the Whitecaps attended Northern semifinals in Nipawin in an effort to qualify for provincials. With 15 clubs in each the North and South divisions, swimmers had to make a top six placement at semifinals in their division to advance (Watrous was placed in the North).

Not only did each local swimmer qualify for provincials in Nipawin but the Watrous Whitecaps Swim Club won the Junior Club Trophy for most points accumulated at the semifinal meet for swimmers 12 and under in a club.

Awarded according to final placement in each event, 11 of the 12 swimmers attending semifinals for the Whitecaps were either 12 years old or younger. Accumulating points individually, Kellie Campbell won the trophy for Highest Points for girls 11 and 12 while Ashlynn Coward won silver for Highest Points for girls 11 and 12. In the age group for girls nine and 10, Mia Campbell won the trophy for Highest Points while for boys nine and 10, Connor Jansen won silver for Highest Points. Adam Jansen won bronze for Highest Points for boys seven and eight.

Having 12 swimmers qualify for provincials, the Watrous Whitecaps Swim Club headed to Saskatoon July 29 and 30. With the top six qualified swimmers representing the North and the top six qualified swimmers representing the South in each event, the style of swims were either Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Freestyle, Individual Medley, Freestyle Relays, or a Medley Relay.

Jansen shared, “The relays were made up of swimmers either in North on two teams and South on two teams in each age group with the North and South going head to head at the end of each day.”

Following the provincial events, here is how the swimmers representing the local club did:

Gavin Abrahamson: 200M Free - fifth, 200M Back - third, 100M Free - ninth, 100M Back - eighth, and 200M IM - eighth.

Marcus Chester: 200M Free - fourth, 50M Breast - sixth, 50M Back - ninth, 50M Free - eighth, 200M Free Relay - fourth, and 200M Medley Relay - second.

Adam Jansen: 50M Back - eighth, 25M Breast - sixth, 50M Free - eighth, 25M Back - eighth, and 25M Free - ninth.

Connor Jansen: 25M Fly - third, 50M Breast - eighth, 100M Free - seventh, 50M Fly - second, 100M IM - fourth, 200M Free Relay - third, and 200M Medley Relay - third.

Logan Jansen: 200M Free - fifth, 100M Back - seventh, 100M Free - seventh, 50M Back - 10th, 200M Free Relay - fourth, and 200M Medley Relay - fourth.

William Richardson: 50M Back - 11th, 25M Back - 12th, 25M Free - 12th, and 100M Free Relay - third.



## Swimming for success

► Not only did the Watrous Whitecaps Swim Club have a successful swim meet at home (pictured left, below left and below right) but the contingent collected the Junior Club Trophy for most points accumulated at a semifinal meet for swimmers 12 and under and brought home the Betty Lou Dean Trophy from the provincial meet for a small club earning the most points for individual events.

photos by Daniel Bushman and submitted by Tanya Jansen



Amy Campbell: 200M Free - fifth, 100M Back - third, 50M Fly - sixth, 100M Breast - fifth, 50M Free - seventh, 200M Free Relay - second, and 200M Medley Relay - third.

Kellie Campbell: 200M Free - first, 25M Fly - first, 50M Back - second, 50M Fly - first, 200M IM - second, 200M Free Relay - second, and 200M Medley Relay - second.

Mia Campbell: 50M Breast - second, 100M Breast - first, 50M Free - third, 100M IM - third, and 200M Free Relay - second.

Ashlynn Coward: 50M Breast - first, 100M Free - sixth, 50M Free - eighth, 200M IM - fourth, 200M Free Relay - third, and 200M Medley Relay - second.

Nicole Ierofieieva: 25M Free - 11th, 100M Free Relay - fourth, and 100M Medley Relay - second.

Emily Sainsbury: 100M Back - second, 100M Free - fifth, 50M Fly - second, 100M Breast - seventh, 100M IM - seventh, 200M Free Relay - third, and 200M Medley Relay - second.

In addition to seeing so many swimmers do well at provincials, Jansen said the club also came home with

the Betty Lou Dean Trophy. The trophy was awarded at provincials to the Small Club earning the most points at the meet in individual events. “In provincials, the swimmers were able to accomplish so much, whether it was getting their Personal Best (PB) times, winning their heat, getting a ribbon in their event, or receiving a medal for their accomplishments.”

Following a tremendous showing at both semifinal and provincial meets, the Watrous Whitecaps Swim Club hosted a time trial at the end of the season in August for any swimmers from the North division wanting to get a time in long events to qualify for Summer Games. “We had six of our own local swimmers compete in this time trial. They will not hear until spring if they have qualified. I am very proud of all our swimmers this year and the work that they did. It was such a great moment for our club when we received the Junior Club Trophy and then the Betty Lou Dean Trophy. Our swimmers should be proud of themselves for all of their hard work and effort throughout the season.”

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during the year supplies need to be replenished and it is also a way we can help families as well. During the year families might transition in from another community or arrive from a different country and may need supplies. This provides them with the things they need.”

Watrous Elementary School Teacher Heidi Boyson-Tan was also present during the morning delivery from Alex and his mom and graciously accepted \$75 for the art club. “This will be our third year having the art club and it has grown each year. We originally started with Gr. 5 to 7 students but have since expanded it so this donation will allow us to purchase more expensive tools and art supplies.”



Both teachers from the elementary school were very grateful for Alex’s decision to purchase supplies and help the art club. “It is very heartwarming to see a student do this,” shared Boyson-Tan. “I saw him working at his booth during the summer and he is a role model for others by making a difference.”

Hardy agreed adding it was great to have Cindy checking with the school to see what specific supplies were required and get the things students needed. “We are really grateful to Alex and also to the community as a whole. Many help the school out in a variety of ways throughout the year and we sincerely appreciate it!”



A helping hand

► Setting up shop at a number of trade shows including at the vendors market during the Manitou Beach Chainsaw Carving Festival (left), Alex McLean was able to use some of his earnings towards purchasing school supplies for the Watrous Elementary School. The nine-year-old WES student was on hand at the school Aug. 23 (above) where he presented \$301 worth of supplies including a \$75 donation to the school's art club.

photos by Daniel Bushman

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across the country, clothing donations have allowed \$4 million to be invested annually in diabetes research; 2,000 kids with type one diabetes and their families to go to D-Camps; 11.9 million Canadians with diabetes or prediabetes receive support; and up to 100 million pounds of textiles and household items are diverted from landfills.



► Pictured left: drop off bins in Watrous. Pictured above: unwanted garbage tossed in the bins.

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# MLA for Arm River not seeking re-election

■ Daniel Bushman

When voters go to the polls during the next provincial election in 2024, there will be a new representative for the Arm River constituency.

Joining fellow MLAs Don Morgan, Delbert Kirsch and Fred Bradshaw, Arm River MLA Dana Skoropad recently announced he would not be seeking re-election.

Releasing a statement on his Facebook page, the Minister of Environment said, “Since the 2020 election when voters gave me the tremendous honour and responsibility of serving as a member of the Legislative Assembly, I have worked hard to represent the people of the Arm River constituency.”

Loving what he does and the people he has been able to work alongside, Skoropad noted it has been an absolute honour to serve the people of Saskatchewan.

“I have been further blessed to have done all this with the loving support of my family, but with this service does come sacrifice. Specifically, to serve as I feel called to, carries with it incredible demands and requires sacrifices from myself and my family. It is because of love for my family that I chose to seek the nomination in 2019 and it is because of that same love for my family that I have made the decision to step back from politics following the completion of my present term as the Arm River MLA in 2024.”

Sharing he will not be seeking re-election in 2024 but rather devoting more time to his family, Skoropad said, “I will continue to find alternate ways to support the Saskatchewan Party as I firmly believe in our government’s direction, our Premier, our team, our vision for the province and Saskatchewan’s bright future. I cannot offer enough gratitude to the countless

people who have honoured me with their time, their voice, and their trust these past years. It has truly been a privilege to do what I do each day! Thank you.”

Following the announcement by the four MLAs, on social media, Premier Scott Moe said, “The Saskatchewan Party now has 19 nominated candidates for the 2024 election and 11 more nominations scheduled where the SaskParty MLA is seeking re-election. At the same time, four MLAs today announced they will not be running again in 2024. Thank you Don Morgan, Delbert Kirsch, Fred Bradshaw and Dana Skoropad for your years of service to your constituents and our province.”

With an office in Davidson, the Arm River constituency encompasses a wide area which includes communities like Simpson, Imperial, Jansen, Nokomis, Elbow, Davidson, Bethune and Central Butte.

## Premier makes cabinet changes

■ media release

Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe announced Aug. 29 a number of changes to the provincial cabinet.

“The mandate of our new cabinet is to build and protect Saskatchewan - to continue building a strong economy, strong communities and strong families, and to protect all that we have built together from threats like federal intrusion and economic challenges like inflation,” Moe said.

Moose Jaw North MLA Tim McLeod enters cabinet for the first time as Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health. Prince Albert Carleton MLA Joe Hargrave re-enters cabinet as Minister of SaskBuilds and Procurement.

Six ministers remain in cabinet but take on new responsibilities:

Dustin Duncan becomes Minister of Crown Investments Corporation and Minister responsible for all the major Crowns, including SaskPower, SaskEnergy, SaskTel, SGI and SaskWater, as well as Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission; Christine Tell becomes Minister of Environment; Paul Merriman becomes Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety and Minister responsible for the Firearms Secretariat; Lori Carr becomes Minister of Highways; Everett Hindley becomes Minister of Health; and Jeremy Cockrill becomes Minister of Education.

Nine ministers retain their current responsibilities: Donna Harpauer remains Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance; Jim Reiter remains Minister of

Energy and Resources; Gordon Wyant remains Minister of Advanced Education; Jeremy Harrison remains Minister of Trade and Export Development, Minister of Immigration and Career Training, and Minister responsible for Innovation and Tourism Saskatchewan; David Marit remains Minister of Agriculture and Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation, and also becomes Minister responsible for the Water Security Agency; Don McMorris remains Minister of Government Relations, Minister responsible for First Nations, Metis and Northern Affairs and Minister responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission, and also becomes Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, and the Minister responsible for Workers’ Compensation Board; Bronwyn Eyre remains Minister of Justice and Attorney

General; Gene Makowsky remains Minister of Social Services; and Laura Ross remains Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport and Minister responsible for the Status of Women and the Lotteries and Gaming Corporation.

The overall size of cabinet remains unchanged at 18, including the Premier.

Two members who recently announced they will not be seeking re-election in 2024 - Don Morgan and Dana Skoropad - are leaving cabinet. Morgan becomes Provincial Secretary.

“I want to thank those two members and particularly recognize Don Morgan, who along with Donna Harpauer has been in every cabinet since our government was first elected in 2007, making them the two longest-serving current ministers anywhere in Canada.”

The new cabinet was sworn in by Lieutenant

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## YOUNG

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Buses, lunch boxes and books, blackboards and binders, a bright and early morning for the first day of school Sept. 5. Best wishes to students, teachers, support staff and volunteer coaches for a rewarding year.

A successful summer has wrapped up at the Young swimming pool. What a great season of learning new skills, making friends and having fun in the water. The community and surrounding area deserve recognition for their support of this facility.

Play Music on The Porch Day was celebrated at Manitou Beach the afternoon of Aug. 26 on Janet Fedor’s front deck. Host Janet informed us that 2,000 locations in 50 countries registered for the worldwide event in 2023. Close to 75 people pulled up a lawn chair for the entertaining afternoon with three groups of musicians performing. The music was lively and the audience appreciative.

Harvest suppers in the field are a norm for many farm families this busy season. Equipment operators have a chance to stretch their legs, connect with family members and enjoy a hot meal while youngsters run in the stubble. A simple undertaking but where memories are made. I bet most any farmer can tell you stories of sitting on the truck tailgate, eating a meal that included their favourite pie for dessert and discussing the yield of the crop they were combining.

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The Colonsay School Community council hosted a Meet the Teachers Aug. 31. Students could drop off their school supplies in their classroom. Burgers, juice and a cookie were provided by the SCC.

Ken Rosher from Vermillion, Alta. spent the Aug. 25 weekend visiting his brothers Scott and Sue and Bev and Lee Ann. He also visited Jim and Irene. It was great to see him. He mentioned that he will be attending his 45th reunion of his graduating class at the RCMP depot in Regina.

Jim and Irene Gray travelled to Manitou Beach to visit Murray and Kathleen Dering. They also enjoyed listening to music on the porch at Janet Fedor’s. It was a very entertaining program for two hours. After the program approximately 30 people enjoyed visiting and a chili cook-off supper. Also attending were Mark and Debbie Okrainetz and

Corrine Penz from Vermillion.

The Colonsay rink was the place to be to attend the Colonsay Market Square Saturday, Aug. 26. Lots of bargains were available.

A celebration of life was held Saturday, Aug. 26 for Terry O’Grady who passed away July 4. It was held in the Zelma United Church. Then the invited guests attended lunch at Simply Kitchen in Colonsay.

Sunday, Aug. 27 was very busy at the Colonsay Swimming Pool. It was the last day to be open for the summer. It was a great day to go for a swim on a sunny hot Sunday. The staff also had several games to participate in. They look forward to be able to have the pool available next summer.

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- CORRECTION: WATROUS Forever In Motion every Wednesday and Friday. Start up Wed., Sept. 13, 1:30 p.m. at Watrous Senior Centre on Main Street, Watrous. Newcomers invited./34-3p

- BAKE SALE - MANITOU Lodge Auxiliary, Sat., Sept. 16, 1 to 3 p.m. at Manitou Lodge. Donations of baking, canning and garden produce welcome./35-2c

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Governor Russ Mirasty.  
Premier Moe also named nine Legislative Secretaries: Terry Dennis, Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Trade and Export Development, responsible for Saskatchewan-Ukraine relations; Alana Ross, Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Health; Daryl Harrison, Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Energy and Resources; Jim Lemaigre, Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Government Relations; Terry Jenson, Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Immigration and Career Training; Travis Keisig, Legislative Secretary to the Minister responsible for Crown Investments Corporation; Warren Kaeding, Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Environment; Muhammad Fiaz, Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Education; and Lisa Lambert, Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport.  
All Legislative Secretaries will receive \$3,000 in remuneration for their additional responsibilities, below the full remuneration amount designated for Legislative Secretaries.

Following the announcement, Official Opposition Leader Carla Beck released a statement: today's announcement changes nothing for Saskatchewan people who are struggling with the cost of living, waiting for surgery, or worried about the lack of supports in their kids' classrooms.

With no change in the finance portfolio, it's clear that this tired and out-of-touch government thinks that the status quo is just fine when it comes to the crushing cost of living.

It's time for a government that will deliver cost-of-living relief for families.

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At the Watrous Centre

Whist winners at the Senior Centre Thursday, Aug. 24 were: first - Colleen Hunt, 153; second - Earle Amendt, 149; third - Sharon Carlson, 137; fourth - Grace Anderson, 136. Travelling - Colleen Hunt and Rod Degenstein. Homesteader was Kathleen Paul and Arlene Gegner, six times at same table.

Kaiser winners at the Senior Centre Monday, Aug. 28 were: first - Lorne Bradbeer, 226; second - Colleen Hunt, 183; third - Ruth Wylie, 182; fourth - Gena Amendt, 179.

Anyone interested in submitting local Watrous news can do so by faxing 306-946-2026, emailing watrous.manitou@sasktel.net or stopping by the office.

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Carlson Reunion 2023

■ submitted by Kensey Gross

Carlson family members (descendents of Ada and Raymond) gathered from far and wide on Aug. 12 for a long awaited reunion.

The guest registry showed about 105 family members were in attendance, travelling from various parts of Saskatchewan and Alberta, as well as Louisiana and Oregon, USA. This event saw a change of location from the traditional Venn Hall to the Watrous Curling Rink.

The day began with a pancake breakfast, graciously prepared by the Snell family. The kids (and some adults) enjoyed a scavenger hunt, candy guessing games, and playing with new and old cousins in the morning. Visiting, silent auction bidding, raffles and reminiscing over the memorabilia table took place throughout the day.

A potluck style lunch that included Model Meat trays and Watrous Bakery buns was consumed before heading out to the ball diamond in the nearby sports grounds. Many of the younger family members split into two teams and had fun learning and playing the sport together. Afterwards the traditional family photos were taken, with bleachers replacing hay bales this year. Then the hot summer afternoon called for the swimming pool next door and splash contests on the diving boards!

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